

WATER COMMITTEE
JULY 25, 2001
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chuck Watkins, Chairman
Dr. George Patton, Vice Chairman
Chris Cofty
Tony Parrott
Chris Venice

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: Bill McNally

ABSENT: Jim Mallett

STAFF PRESENT: David Jaegar, Russell Ray

GUESTS: Dave Hamrick, The Citizen

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chuck Watkins at 8:00 A.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON JULY 11, 2001.

Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton made the motion and Tony Parrott seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 11, 2001. There was no opposition.

II. BID OPENING - AIR CONDITIONING AT HORTON PUMP STATION.

David Jaegar reported the bid opening was last week. There were three bidders, one bidder was disqualified because they did not present a bid bond. They were low, and they are not included on the bid tabulation because of the fact they were disqualified. The second place bidder, which is now the low bidder, is F & S Mechanical. Their total base bid is \$46,760.00. Mr. Jaegar went on to say he is in the process now of checking their references. Those he has talked to so far have been positive. He does not anticipate any problems with the contractor. Upon completing the referrals he believes they will recommend F & S Mechanical.

Mr. Parrott explained the reason for this project. We have installed additional raw water pumps in this pump house. We were already marginal with the temperature. This air conditioning is to hold it in the 80's. Now the temperature runs above 100. Mr. Jaegar agreed. With the motors running, you generate a lot of heat, the solid state electronics and

the starter cabinets are sensitive to high temperature.

Chairman Watkins asked about the construction of the building. Mr. Jaegar replied there is ventilation and insulation in the ceiling and the walls. We originally had two 600 hp motors. We just added two 300 hp motors.

Chris Cofty asked if we anticipated adding the 300 hp motors. Mr. Jaegar replied provision was made for additional pumps early on. Initially, the air conditioning was not required, because the initial pumps were running, more or less at a limit for heat sensitivity. We found that on extremely hot days there was some effect on the electronics in the building. We felt at the time we expanded it, and added more pumps, more horsepower would generate more heat, that would be the time to add the air conditioning. There will be four units installed in the attic in the building. Two each over each set of motors, and the associated duct work, condensers, plumbing and electronics.

The committee discussed at length the cost of the project and the need to cool the building at this time.

Mr. Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the low bidder of F & S Mechanical, at \$46,760.00, subject to Mallett & Associates verification. Vice Chairman Dr. Patton seconded and there was no opposition.

III. BID OPENING - ELLIS ROAD 2.0 MG STORAGE TANK.

Mr. Jaegar reported this bid opened the same day as the air conditioning bid. This tank is similar in nature to the one currently being constructed on Highway 92. In addition to the tank, this project will include a booster pump station, which will be built in the interior of the tank skirt. There were two bidders . This industry has been narrowed down drastically. There are not very many competitors at this time. Chicago Bridge & Iron, formerly PDM was low bid. The base bid was 2,989,000, including the tank, pump station and all the site work. CBI has offered a credit of \$45,500.00 to extend the contract time from 365 days to 540 calendar days. In effect, they have put \$45, 500.00 into their base bid, knowing they would exceed the contract time and be penalized \$250.00 a day. Their schedule dictates that they would need the 540 days whether we accept their credit or not.

Mr. Jaegar recommend awarding the job to Chicago Bridge & Iron. They also built the tank at Crabapple Lane. Mr. Parrott recommended extending the time of the contract and to award the bid after the Water System has loan approval from Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority. The paperwork is being processed, but we do not have the loan approval

yet.

Mr. Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the low bidder Chicago Bridge and Iron at \$2,989,000.00. He recommended accepting the contract extension and awarding the bid after funds are approved from the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority. Vice Chairman Dr. Patton seconded and there was no opposition.

IV. REPORT ON LAKE HORTON.

Mr. Parrott explained that Lake Horton is a Category I Dam. It is inspected by the Safe Dams Program. They inspected the dam last December, and sent us a letter the first part of July requesting grassing to be done. They are coming August 29, 2001 to look at the grassing. The weed eating and others things they wanted have been taken care of. Hydroseeding was done last week. The problem will be getting enough water on it to get a good stand of grass.

Chairman Watkins suggested having the Road Department use their water truck to put water on it. Mr. Parrott replied he had looked at hooking a pump up in the lake. Mr. Cofty asked if there is a specific type of grass you have to use? Mr. Parrott replied we are trying to get bermuda established. We have some pretty good stands in places. He asked about the Love grass used by the Road Department. Mr. Jaegar commented the State stopped allowing this a few years ago.

Chairman Watkins asked about Mr. Blalocks property. Mr. Parrott replied they have looked at the plat. Mr. McNally commented they will have a report for the next meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman Chuck Watkins adjourned the meeting at 8:20 A.M.

Chuck Watkins

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 22nd day of August, 2001.

Lisa Gillis